COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(Legislative Session of Vrischigam 1101.)

Friday, the 11th of December 1925.

The fifth meeting of the Vrischigam session of the Council commenced in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on the 26th of Vrischigam 1101 corresponding to the 11th of December 1925.

The Diwan- President was in the Chair.

Messrs. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon, Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur, A. Eachara Menon, K. Govinda Menon, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, S. S. Koder, K. Krishna Menon, Lonappan Chakkola, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, S. F. Nunez and K. Sankaran Nambudiri were absent. The Proceedings began with Questions and Answers.

Questions and Answers.

The Leper Asylum at Vendurutti.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

106. Will the Government be pleased to inform

(i) the condition of the present Leper Asylum at Vendurutti,

(ii) the number of patients in the said Asylum,

(iii) the name, designation and pay of the Medical Officer in charge of the Asylum,

(iv) the amount of annual cost incurred for the same generally,

(v) the cost of the maintenance of a boat for the Asylum purpose,

(vi) the names of the Honorary Visitors to the Asylum, if any, and the number of visits paid by them in the year 1100?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(i) The present Leper Asylum at Vendurutti consists of four properly walled and tiled buildings and four temporary

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sheds for the accommodation of the inmates. There are a few other detached buildings used as the office and chapel, kitchen and Superintendent's quarters. The compound in which the buildings are situated belongs to a private individual, and is too small for the inmates to have any exercise. The institution requires improvement in several directions.

(ii) The Asylum affords accommodation for 101 inmates. The number of patients varies from time to time.

(iii) The Sub-Assistant Surgeon of the Ophthalmic Hospital is in charge in addition to his duties in the Hospital, and is given a charge allowance of Rs. 15 per mensem.

(iv) About Rs. 16,000.

(v) Rs. 307 for the last year, inclusive of the pay of 2 boatmen and boat hire.

(vi) The Board of Honorary Visitors consists of the following members.—

(1) The Diwan Peishkar, (2) The Superintendent of Excise Revenue, (3) The Assistant Surgeon, Ernakulam General Hospital, (4) Mr. P. Krishna Menon, (5) Father George Kurz, and (6) Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.

No visits were paid during the year 1100.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

Sub-division (1) is about the buildings of the Leper Asylum, consisting of four properly walled and tiled buildings and four temporary sheds for the accommodation of the inmates. On the whole, it is in a very deplorable condition.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It is, of course, in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

How long has it been in such a state, Sir?

PRESIDENT.

It is a new question rather than a supplementary question.

Mr. T. A. RAMACHANDRA AYYAR.

For the information of the House, may I ask a question, Sir?

PRESIDENT.

You have no right to it.

Mr. A. B. SALEM.

May I know the reason why there was no visit at all?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The members themselves have to be asked the reason.

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